



CONNERY PLUMS

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery gang to put the Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

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So William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public payroll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,000.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$5,500—\$22,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office.

James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Treasurer of City. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

William J. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at \$1,320—\$7,920.

Joseph M. Connery (Cousin).

Is now a candidate for Board of Review, and if elected will receive 6 years at \$7,000—\$42,000.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by 28th Ward Democrats at the 1915 primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a brother of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Examiner, and a cousin of Joseph M. Connery, said to be a candidate for Board of Review.

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

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CLEAR THE ROAD

Opposition Is Growing Against Gang Blocking Sheridan Drive with Autos.

The gang that has been using Sheridan road in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue for a garage will have to find another roosting place. There is a big outcry against blocking the road at this point, and a clean, straight, permanent highway on Sheridan road from Chicago to Milwaukee is the ideal for which "membership week" of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association has been arranged.

The plan has progressed beyond the conversational stage. The association has established offices at 800 Rookery Building. The headquarters are in charge of Henry Atwater, secretary. The other officers are Edwin L. Lobdell, president; John H. Hardin, vice president; F. J. Scheidehelm, treasurer, and William L. Chinery, assistant secretary.

RECORDER OF ADS.

One of the charming payroll pets in the Recorder's office should have the title of his fine salary job changed to "Recorder of Ads." We are informed that a delightful monthly almanac over which he presides as official editor is out for ads from the business community.

SHOULD HELP THE CONNERYS

The levying of an assessment of five per cent on the salaries of all employees of the Sanitary District and the Cook County offices, "to help the ticket," should prove a delightful treat to such Connerys as are running for office this year.

WANT NO GERMAN

Connery Democratic Committee Nominates Big County Ticket Without a German Name—Say Germans Have No Chance.

So-called Democrats have nominated a ticket without a German by birth or descent on it.

A Connery is on it of course, for one of the best jobs.

Not a man on the ticket had an American grandfather, the only outgoing county official who had an American grandfather, County Surveyor George C. Waterman, was not renominated.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following results:

Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court. The city hall forces have put up a ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the entire Sullivan slate, the talk among

the slatemakers being that no German had a chance in Cook County this fall.

The full slate named follows: State's Attorney—Maclay Hoyne. Recorder—Joseph F. Connery. Circuit Court Clerk—John W. Rainey.

Superior Court Clerk—James C. Gavin.

Coroner—James B. Bowler.

Assessor (six year term)—Martin J. O'Brien.

Assessor (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Cepak.

Board of Review—Thos. J. Webb.

County Surveyor—William P. Feeney.

President Sanitary District—Thomas M. Sullivan.

Sanitary Trustees—Joseph Rushkewicz and James A. Long.

Superior Court Judge (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Sabath.

Circuit Judge (to fill vacancy)—Jacob H. Hopkins.

"We will nominate Hoyne and cut the guts out of him at the polls like we did in 1912," said one leader.

POOR VOTE GETTERS

Although the Connerys Hold Many Public Jobs They Are Not Strong at the Ballot Box.

At the Democratic primary for Recorder of Deeds in 1912 the result was:

Joseph F. Connery.....56,343
His opponents.....64,493
So Connery was a minority nominee.

At the same primary John W. Rainey ran for the nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court, the office held by Connery's Republican nephew-in-law, Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr. Result of the primary:

John W. Rainey.....71,695
All opponents.....44,666

Rainey's majority over all.....27,029

At the same primary in 1912 John T. Connery's partner in the coal business, Blocki, was a candidate for the nomination for Board of Review. The result:

Blocki, Connery's partner.....39,415

His opponents.....87,253

So Blocki, Connery's partner, was in a minority of 47,838 votes. One of his opponents, Charles J. Vopicka, came near defeating Blocki, Connery's partner, receiving 38,989 votes to Blocki, Connery's partner's 39,415.

In 1913, Francis D. Connery was a candidate at the Democratic primary for the nomination for City Clerk. The candidates besides Connery were Joseph M. Coffey, F. H. Landmesser, Fred L. Yeager, John C. Guenther, Randall E. Marshall and Vincent S. Zwiefka. The result:

Francis D. Connery.....42,187

His Democratic opponents.....51,460

So Connery was very much of a minority candidate.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

A Number of Candidates Are Already in the Field.

Several candidates for the legislature have formally announced themselves and are now starting their campaigns. Senators are to be elected from the Second, Fourth and Sixth Cook county districts now represented respectively by Francis A. Hurley and Al F. Gorman, Democrats, and George W. Harris, a Progressive who is back in the Republican fold. All are candidates for re-election.

House members who will seek re-election are:

First district—John Griffin (Dem.)

and William H. Brinkman and Shadrack B. Turner (Reps.).

Second district—Dr. George U. Lipshulch and Frank Ryan (Dems.), and John J. Gardner (Rep.).

Third district—John P. Walsh and Edward M. Santry (Dems.), and Robert R. Jackson (Rep.).

Fourth district—George C. Hilton and Hubert Kilens (Dems.), and Thomas A. Boyer (Rep.).

Fifth district—Isaac S. Rothschild and John Helwig (Reps.).

Sixth district—Joseph A. Weber and Robert E. Wilson (Dems.), and Wil-

liam M. Brown (Rep.).

Seventh district—Frederic R. De Young (Rep.).

Ninth district—Robert J. Mulcahy and Joseph Placek (Dems.), and David E. Shanahan (Rep.).

Eleventh district—Frank J. Ryan and Henry F. Schuberth (Dems.), and John H. Lyle (Rep.).

Thirteenth district—James W. Ryan (Dem.), and Gotthard A. Dahlberg (Rep.).

Fifteenth district—Joseph O. Hruby and Peter F. Smith (Dems.), and Thomas Curran (Rep.).

Seventeenth district—John S. Burns and Jacob Epstein (Dems.), and Edward J. Smejkal (Rep.).

Nineteenth district—James T. Pendergast and James C. McGloin (Dems.), and Solomon P. Roderick (Rep.).

Twenty-first district—Benjamin M. Mitchell (Dem.), and Frederick J. Bippus and Thomas P. Devereaux (Reps.).

Twenty-third district—George R. Bruce (Dem.), William G. Thon (Rep.), and Christian M. Madsen (Rep.).

Twenty-fifth district—John G. Jacobsen (Dem.), Charles L. Fieldstack (Rep.), and Joseph M. Mason (Rep.).

Twenty-seventh district—Joseph A. G. Trandel and James M. Donlan (Dems.), and Albert Rostenkowski (Rep.).

Twenty-ninth district—James H. Farrell and Bernard J. Conlon (Dems.).

Thirty-first district—Frank J. Self (Dem.), and Harry F. Hamlin and E. L. Frankhauser (Reps.).

DEMOCRATIC WORKERS SORE

Discontent Among Democratic Workers Is Increasing Over the Tendency of Democratic Bosses to Give the Best Jobs to Members of One Family.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago. The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review. They have known right along this official's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigated matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that the Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office is a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are aneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

Residents of Edgewater and users of the boulevard generally are loud in their complaints of the action of the Lincoln Park Commissioners in permitting the Sheridan Road in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue to be used as a garage for the autos of easy-going sports associated with the gang.

Sheridan Road in this vicinity is almost impassable because of the gang of autos that are permitted to stand in the roadway.

This abuse has grown to be a public scandal.